

House Resolution 1439

By: Representative Silcox of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Robert Jennings "Bob" Shaw; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Robert Jennings "Bob" Shaw on February 27, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Robert Jennings "Bob" Shaw was born on August 21, 1929, in Bronwood,
5 Georgia, a beloved son of R.E. and Vesta (Jennings) Shaw; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
8 Korean War; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1948, he became the lead singer and emcee of one of the most popular
10 Southern gospel groups in the nation, the Homeland Harmony Quartet, and later was a
11 member of the Revelaires, the Harmonizers and the Sunshine Boys quartets; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in 2002 and 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, recruited into politics in 1960, Bob became a three-term Chairman of the
14 Georgia Republican Party and Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, his vision and determination helped establish a two-party system in Georgia,
16 and his lifelong dedication to the Republican Party and charismatic personality earned him
17 the title of "Godfather of the Georgia Republican Party"; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1993, he was appointed to the Fulton County Development Authority, where
19 he would serve as chairman for nearly 20 years, helping revitalize and transform the business
20 community in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was the Minister of Music at the First
22 Baptist Church of Chattahoochee, where he led the music for 58 years; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elaine, and was blessed with
24 four remarkable children, Melanie, Elena, Susan, and Bobbie Ann, and 11 wonderful
25 grandchildren and four delightful great-grandchildren; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
27 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
28 family and friends were admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
30 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
31 made this world a better place in which to live; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
33 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
34 knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Robert Jennings "Bob"
37 Shaw and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of Robert Jennings "Bob" Shaw.